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**MS PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), is a Continuation application of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP02/09817 filed on September 25, 2002.

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For: DEVICE FOR INSPECTING APPEARANCE OF A ROD-LIKE ARTICLE

Enclosed are:

- A specification consisting of twenty-six (26) pages
- Three (3) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
- Applicant does not claim priority
- Applicant claims the right of priority under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a) based on Application No(s). 2001-291064 filed in Japan on September 25, 2001.
  - Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
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- Priority of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP02/09817 filed on September 25, 2002 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120.
- Executed Declaration  Original  Photocopy
- An assignment of the invention
- Preliminary Amendment
- Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 with reference(s)
- Other:

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